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PACT Subcommittee Co-Chairs

Jobs & Economic Impact

Suzanne Coleman-Tolbert	Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation (COWIC)
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PACT is a historic community reinvestment initiative of the Near East Side of Columbus. It was created in 2010 to enhance the quality of life on the Near East Side of Columbus by focusing on five core areas: Jobs & Economic Impact; Safe, Vibrant & Accessible Neighborhoods; Health & Wellness; Education; and Housing



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Honoring Our Heritage, Building Our Future

Frequently Asked Questions

Who are the partners of PACT?

The City of Columbus; The Ohio State University; Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA); and Near East Side stakeholders.

stake-holders: those who live, work, worship, visit or serve the Near East Side.

How can I stay informed or get involved?

Community members are currently involved in our subcommittee process, volunteering their time and talent to develop transformative ideas for the future of the community. These ideas will be considered for the **Blueprint for Community Investment**. PACT meetings are open to the public and we welcome your input. All meetings are posted on our website (eastpact.org) on the "Community Calendar." You may also call our office for more information.

We will continue to hold public forums for questions and feedback. You can stay informed by checking our web site regularly and contacting our office.

We look forward to developing a newsletter and other tools for regular communication. Volunteers are needed to help set-up events, distribute flyers, and other short-term needs. If you are interested in those opportunities, let us know how best to get in contact with you.

The PACT staff is a very small team, so the success of this plan requires community input. We need you!

When will the changes begin?

Our estimated project timeline is 2011 through 2016. We are currently in a planning phase and no physical changes to the community are anticipated before 2014. We will spend the remainder of 2012 completing our plans and having the masterplan or **Blueprint for Community Investment** adopted by the investment partners (City, Ohio State, CMHA). We have estimated that we will seek additional investment partners in 2013 and begin implementation of the plan in 2014 – this is when we hope to see the plan physically realized, with an initial emphasis on Taylor Avenue and the redevelopment of the Poindexter site.

Why are we creating a Blueprint for Community Investment when we already have planning documents like the Near East Area Plan, the King-Lincoln Plan and others?

The **Blueprint for Community Investment** is intended to complement, not replace, existing plans. The planning team will use existing plans and stakeholder input to form the Blueprint.

What are the boundaries of the area PACT is planning for?

East – Woodland Avenue; South – Broad Street; West – I-71; North – I-670.

The initial redevelopment will be focused on the Taylor Avenue corridor from Broad Street to Leonard Avenue and the site of Poindexter Village.

What is the role and authority of the Advisory Committee?

The PACT Advisory Committee members are representatives of their respective organizations. They are the *advisory* arm of the partnership. They are not a voting body. The primary functions of the Advisory Committee are to provide input to the three investment partners (City, Ohio State, CMHA), through the subcommittee structure. PACT Advisory members are also responsible for sharing information from their constituents to the partners and vice versa.

How was PACT formed?

Prior to the formation of PACT each of the investment partners (City, Ohio State, CMHA) were pursuing their individual initiatives. The City had recently completed the King-Lincoln District Plan; CMHA made a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to dispose of the property and HUD approved the request; Ohio State purchased and renovated the former VA building into CarePoint East and also had additional assets in University Hospital East and the AAAS Community Extension Center.

Because the City, Ohio State and CMHA independently recognized the importance of investing in the Near East Side community, it made sense to do so collectively. Under the leadership of Mayor Coleman, President Gee and Charles Hillman, a partnership was formed to coordinate efforts on the Near East Side.

How will the Blueprint for Community Investment be developed?

A planning team, comprised of seven firms, has been selected by a committee made up of Advisory Committee members. The planning team brings extensive knowledge of best practices in urban planning from across the country, with an emphasis on unique and tested strategies for successful urban development; expertise in data collection and analysis; ability to identify additional funding mechanisms to leverage current investments; understanding of meaningful community engagement; national reputation, working in collaboration with local firms; including local women and minority representation on the planning team to lead the community engagement strategy. The planning team will work closely with the existing PACT structure (committees) and will engage the community for input throughout the planning process.

PACT Subcommittees were formed in April 2011 across the five core areas of emphasis. Approximately 100 stakeholders have been working to provide input into the [Blueprint for Community Investment](#).

What are the individual projects of partner institutions?

CarePoint East, University Hospital East and the African-American and African Studies (AAAS) Community Extension Center are all Near East Side assets of The Ohio State University. There are currently no expansion plans for University Hospital East (the Wexner Medical Center Expansion Project is located on main campus).

The 26+ acres that make up what is currently Poindexter Village are wholly owned by CMHA and neither the City nor Ohio State has any ownership interest in that land. CMHA is exclusively responsible for the relocation of Poindexter Village residents and the disposition of the property. CMHA is also landowner of other properties on the Near East Side, including the recently renovated Jenkins Terraces on E. Broad Street.

Who is the PACT staff?

Dawn Tyler Lee is the Executive Director; Autumn Williams is the Program Manager. These are the only paid staff for the project. PACT would not be possible without the continued engagement of stakeholders.

What will happen to Poindexter Village and Phale D. Hale Avenue?

The future of Poindexter Village after it is demolished is yet to be determined. The **Blueprint for Community Investment** will include plans for the future of the 26+ acre site. The Poindexter Community Building will remain. There are no plans to change the infrastructure or roads, including Phale D. Hale, at this time.

As a renter in the area, how can I be involved with PACT?

PACT stakeholders include anyone who lives, works, worships, visits or appreciates the area. Renters are welcome and needed in discussions about the future of the community. Visit our web site for information on upcoming meetings and contact our office with questions or feedback.

Will there be access to downtown and the highway system?

PACT is not aware of any planned changes to road or highway infrastructure, aside from current ODOT projects. The reconstruction of I-71/670 is the first phase of a much larger ODOT transportation project that will improve safety, relieve congestion, and reconnect local communities and neighborhoods. For more information on this ODOT highway project: Ray Miller, III – Community Officer, Email: info@71670.org or Phone: 614.571.5736.

Will there be any efforts to end drug and alcohol abuse, and violence?

The Safe, Vibrant & Accessible Neighborhoods Subcommittee is looking closely at safety issues impacting the neighborhood and how to address them. If you have specific ideas or suggestions, feel free to contact the co-chairs for this subcommittee: Al Edmonson and Curtiss Williams.

Are there other major investors aside from the City of Columbus, Ohio State and CMHA?

CMHA and the PACT partners were awarded a \$300,000 HUD Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant. Additional investors will be identified after the plan or Blueprint is developed.

Will PACT be involved in improving other areas in Columbus?

No. The focus of PACT is specifically on the PACT geography, stated previously.

How will PACT form a planning committee to acknowledge the history of Bronzeville?

PACT is committed to honoring the heritage of the all east side neighborhoods within the geography, specific recommendations can be submitted to PACT Advisory members or the PACT Office.

What role does University Hospital East play?

University Hospital East (UHE) is an asset of The Ohio State University. As the largest employer in the PACT geography, it is an economic engine for the neighborhood. The administrator of UHE, Elizabeth Seely, is an active member of the Advisory Committee.

How will this planning process affect children?

40% of the PACT geography is under the age of 20. We are working to build the future of the Near East Side so our children can grow and thrive in a healthy, vibrant community. In our Community Conversations last fall, young people said they want to be involved in decision-making about their community. This summer PACT will be developing a Youth Advisory Council, so the youth voice can be heard throughout the planning process.

Does it really matter if the public gives their ideas and opinions?

Absolutely! PACT was specifically designed to gauge community stakeholder feedback in a variety of ways. Including but not limited to Community Conversations, Town Hall meetings, subcommittee participation. The planning team will continue solicit community feedback. This is how the **Blueprint for Community Investment** will be shaped.

What is the role of Columbus City Schools?

Columbus City Schools has invested over \$100 million dollars in the PACT geography through the renovated and rebuilt Trevitt/Beatty Elementary, Champion Middle and East High schools. District leaders are actively engaged in the Advisory Committee and Education Subcommittee.

What impact will surrounding communities have? How can they help?

We anticipate that the **Blueprint for Community Investment** will have a positive ripple effect on the surrounding communities. Issues affecting urban neighborhoods are similar and we can learn from each other.

What plans are being made to break barriers for those who have been excluded?

PACT is committed to open and ongoing two-way communication through a variety of channels. We are committed to a transparent process throughout all phases of the partnership. And we are committed to meaningful community engagement. We recognize the importance of community input and seek an inclusive process, where those who want to contribute are able.

The goals of PACT:

- *To promote a healthy, culturally and economically diverse community*
- *To be a catalyst for continuing and expanding redevelopment efforts in the surrounding area and promote and protect commercial and retail developed within the PACT geography*
- *To provide recreational opportunities for children and families*
- *To provide education, job training and employment opportunities*
- *To include stakeholders in major decisions throughout the redevelopment process*

How can my organization get involved with PACT?

We welcome the input of all stakeholders. If your organization is interested in volunteering or participating on a subcommittee, check our calendar and join us for the next meeting! If you have expertise in a specific topic area, you might consider contributing to a relevant subcommittee's transformative ideas. Contact our office for more information.

Is there a PACT newsletter?

imPACT is the PACT blog on our web site. If you are interested in contributing to the blog, contact our office for more information. We regularly contribute to existing community newsletters including *Moving Forward* (sponsored by the Mount Vernon Avenue District Improvement Association), *The Communicator*, *Columbus African American News Journal*, etc. We are considering the most effective ways to communicate with our stakeholders via a newsletter and other tools. A newsletter and regular print communication are forthcoming.

PACT Information Centers will be placed throughout the neighborhood. The first one will be at the Martin Luther King Library, where you can receive information and updates about PACT and its partners.